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Quaint Customs of Japanese

Japan is a land of small things, and this fact is impressed on one as he goes from city to city, where he sees every family, however poor, occupying its own house and enjoying an existence apart from every other household—a state of things wholly unknown to the overcrowded centers in the United States and Europe.

Most strangers have the impression that they scarcely have breathing are so crowded together in their cities that they scarcely have breathing room. That this is a mistake is discovered on reaching Tokyo, which numbers half a million less inhabitants than does New York, yet extends over a hundred square miles. One may start out in a kuruma in the early morning and ride the greater part of the day through the residence portion of the capital of Japan, looking out upon the one-story wooden buildings, all of a monotonous dun color, with their little gardens in front, without a steeples pointed height intervening between earth and sky to break the countless gray roofs that stretch away on both sides farther than the eye can scan.

Riding in a Kuruma.

The streets are not wide, it is true and you jog along feeling a trifle ridiculous in your covered gurupa, which reminds you of your baby carriage days, as your sweating coolie pants with a shaft grasped in each hand, and goes forward with the pace of a good horse. Sometimes a second coolie pushes the kuruma from behind, if you happen to be in a great hurry to reach your destination, in which case you pay him at the rate of 10 cents an hour or three cents a mile. I have seen three persons crowded into a kuruma, and all urging the overburdened puller into a trot with oft-repeated cries of "Hayaku! Hayaku!"

It is much cheaper to hire a coolie than to feed a horse; so horses are a rare sight. Besides, the coolies dart in and out of the narrow streets, scraping the wheels of your kuruma against those of another hurrying in an opposite direction, without the least danger of upsetting you as you recline comfortably on the seat in a half dose. The kuruma puller often speaks many English words and makes this accomplishment known to every English speaking person as soon as he gets down from his train on the station platform. It is a very welcome sound, and the nearest puller with his mouth wide open shouting in English, "Come this way, sir, I'll take you to your hotel—this way, madam, for your hotel," usually claims the traveler as his own. He is as shrewd as any caddy who has driven up and down Fifth avenue for the last 10 years, and will overcharge you just the same, if you are green enough to permit it—and it's 10 to one that you are.

You must have a number of rides about the city, and must be victimized quite as often as you have been cheated in Paris. You soon find, if you walk a little distance, that you are in danger of being overcome by the sun; so you decide to screen yourself from its fierceness under one of the many kurumas that have been shadowing you. It is nonsense to risk yourself in that blaze of light that pours down upon your head with sufficient force to bake it.

Formerly the coolies were allowed by the custom of the country to wear no clothing, and thus they escaped in some measure the effects of the depressing heat as they drew their loads from early morning until midnight about the hot streets of the city. Now they are compelled to wear a blue shirt and pajamas, which reek with perspiration and dust and render the poor creatures miserable in the midst of their thankless labor.

Railroads Not Popular.

The foreigner who goes to Japan to see things avoids the railroads when he contemplates short journeys or pleasure excursions into the country. Railway travel is cheaper in Japan than any other mode of travelling, but the natives prefer to travel by water or by kurumas if they are not going a great distance.

You are surprised that at the inns everywhere you eat in your own room, as there is no such thing as a separate dining room. When you arrive at an inn they assign you a room in which you can sleep, eat and entertain your friends. All that is quite compatible with comfort, for at the clapping of your hands your dinner table glides in, guided by a pretty Japanese girl, who kneels and bows before you so often, as she comes and goes, that you begin to wonder if you are not a prince instead of an ordinary traveler seeing the sights of the orient.

The fine tablecloth is spread and the dishes appear as if by magic, one girl serving each guest. You sit on your mat with your chin on a level with the

tiny table and its hand-painted china, and all your wants are looked after without your having to utter a command. The samisen played by nimble fingers aids your digestion and supplies the finishing touch to the dinner.

After the meal the girls remove the tables and all traces of the dinner, and the dining room become the reception room. The college professor may be one of the curious callers, and as Japanese etiquette permits a man to stretch out his visit to any length from two hours to 10, you are the unwilling victim of the professor's insatiable curiosity, which permits him to ask questions pertinent and impertinent. For instance, when you show him a pair of very old and handsome bracelets, a brooch, and an amulet collected in a trip through the country, he insists on knowing the exact price of each.

At bedtime the little girls came running in, their arms filled with quilts and white sheets, which they spread on the floor for beds. Then they bring the makura, or pillows, which are little wooden boxes with rocker bottoms, and the most uncomfortable inventions that ever sprang from the brain of man. Across the entire room they stretch a large mosquito net. Their duties at an end, they retire with many bows and leave you to woo sleep between the sheets on the hardest floors in Christendom.

Japs Are Great Bathers.

In Japan one must spend at least half his time in the bathtub if he wants to be thought up to the customs of the country. Eminent doctors have agreed that the Japanese carries his cleanliness too far and makes too frequent use of the bath, which he always takes boiling hot. The hot bath is advisable in this climate, as every one soon learns by experience, and the publicity of the bathtubs, which are barely screened from the passers-by in the streets, is a revelation of Japanese modesty. For centuries this nation has had her public baths, while we of the new world have brought them into our cities with the past generation.

The Japanese have a multitude of quaint customs, many of which have common sense as their basis. When a guest has outworn his welcome the mistress of the house does not grow outwardly impatient in his presence and throw out little hints of what duties will claim her attention soon, but she prepares the daintiest luncheon imaginable and puts it into the prettiest of boxes, which she wraps in rice paper and ties with a ribbon. Then, some morning, when no other members of the household are present, all having been warned to keep out of the way, she puts the lunch box with the sweetest of smiles into his hands. Before the lunch hour the guest, if he be wise, has vanished like a morning cloud, and no one can tell whither.

Even the poorer people have the habit of going every morning, between the hours of 5 and 7, to the water's edge, carrying in their hands their tooth brushes, which they use vigorously as soon as they reach the stream, which is not any too clean because it flows from the rice fields.—Commercial Tribune.

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